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## Testing Wisconsin's Emergency Communications "SIMCOM" in Jefferson County on May 31

(MADISON) – Communications are critical during a disaster. Getting information and data to the right people at the right time can save lives. That's why Wisconsin Emergency Management, Jefferson County Emergency Management and the Wisconsin National Guard – Joint Operations Center are hosting a multi-agency communications exercise.

State Interoperable Mobile Communications Exercise or "SIMCOM 2012" will be held Thursday, May 31 from 7am to 3pm at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The exercise is designed to display, educate and test Mobile Emergency Communications from federal, state, tribal and local governments. The goal is develop relationships and understand the capabilities of other agencies before they are needed in a real emergency. Agencies involved in "SIMCOM 2012" include:

- Civil Air Patrol
- Dane County
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- FBI-Milwaukee
- Jefferson County
- La Crosse County
- Menominee County
- Milwaukee County
- Ozaukee County
- Shawano County
- USA Disaster Relief Corps
- U.S. Department of Justice
- Washington County
- Waukesha County
- Winnebago County (Illinois)
- Wisconsin Emergency Management
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Wisconsin National Guard
- Wisconsin State Patrol

The exercise is funded by a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance.

Media interested in covering this event should contact Tod Pritchard at 608-219-4008.

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